



The European Association
of Private International Law

2026 Election Prospectus

Board of Administration and Scientific Council

Board of Administration

Candidates are presented in alphabetical order.

Konrad DUDEN

Agnieszka FRĄCKOWIACK-ADAMSKA

Silvia MARINO

Konstantinos ROKAS

Giesela RÜHL

Erik SINANDER

Note:

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Konrad DUDEN



Statement of Motivation

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Konstantinos ROKAS



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Konstantinos Rokas completed his undergraduate studies in law at the University of Athens, then obtained two LL.Ms — from the University of Athens (Private international law and EU law) and the University of Paris II-Panthéon Assas (international commercial law and private international law), finishing second in his class. He defended his Ph.D. on “Medically assisted reproduction in comparative private international law” at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne under Prof. Étienne Pataut. He has received scholarships from the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, and the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law. Admitted to the Athens Bar since 2004 and to the Greek Supreme Court, he was Lecturer at the University of Nicosia (2018–2023). Since September 2023, he is an Assistant Professor of Private International Law and International Transactions Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is fluent in English and French, with a good command of German.

Giesela RÜHL



Statement of Motivation

I am one of the co-founders of the Association and have served on its Board of Administration and Scientific Council since its establishment in 2019. As Secretary General I had the privilege of contributing closely to the development and growth of the Association and I have remained committed to strengthening academic exchange, fostering collaboration across jurisdictions, and advancing the study and practice of private international law in European and beyond. I would be honoured to continue supporting the Association by serving on the Board of Administration (as Secretary General) and the Scientific Council. With my institutional experience, longstanding engagement, and dedication to the Association’s mission, I would like to further contribute to its strategic development and scientific excellence in the years ahead.

Curriculum Vitae

I am a Professor of Private International Law and Comparative Law at Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany). I have been fortunate to study law in different countries and to do research in various jurisdictions, including Germany, England (Cambridge, LSE, Oxford), Italy (EUI), the US (Columbia, Harvard, Stanford), Japan and Australia. I have published widely on topics of private international law, international civil procedure and comparative law. In addition, I am a co-editor of the 4-volume Encyclopedia of Private International Law (Edward Elgar, 2017) and further books including the conference volume of the second EAPIL conference in Wroclaw (Poland). In the summer of 2026, I will teach a special course on “Protection of Human Rights in Global Supply Chains” at the Hague Academy of International Law. For more details (relating to publications, presentations, positions, functions and awards) see: <https://www.rewi.hu-berlin.de/en/lf/lr/rhl/gr>.

Erik SINANDER



Statement of Motivation

I am very pleased with the development of the European Association of Private International Law and proud to be a member of the Association and to contribute to the EAPIL Blog. I would welcome the opportunity to become more actively involved in the Association's work and to support its continued development as a leading forum for private international law in Europe. In particular, I would be happy to contribute to the establishment of the planned law journal and to further develop the blog as a news channel and as a platform for both established and younger scholars in the field.

Curriculum Vitae

Erik Sinander is an Associate Professor of Private International Law at Stockholm University. He obtained his Ph.D. in Law from the same university in 2017 and was appointed Associate Professor there in 2023. His research focuses broadly on private international law. Over the last years, he has published articles in English on private international law aspects of transport law, surrogacy, arbitration, and labour law. Since 2022, he has been one of the editors of the European Association of Private International Law Blog, where he regularly contributes posts on, inter alia, legal developments in the Nordic countries. He also actively takes part in private international law activities. For example, he was one of the lecturers at this year's EAPIL Winter School and participated as a judge in the PAX Moot. In addition, he regularly attends and presents at international conferences. Outside private international law, he conducts research in substantive labour law in both Swedish and English.

Candidates for the Scientific Council

The candidates are presented below in alphabetical order.

Gilles CUNIBERTI
Pedro DE MIGUEL ASENSIO
Konrad DUDEN
Morten M. FOGT
Agnieszka FRĄCKOWIACK-ADAMSKA
Pietro FRANZINA
Uglješa GRUŠIĆ
Jeremy HEYMANN
Costanza HONORATI
Thomas KADNER GRAZIANO
Vesna LAZIĆ
Tobias LUTZI
Silvia MARINO
Johann MEEUSEN
Ralf MICHAELS
Dário MOURA VICENTE
Konstantinos ROKAS
Verónica RUIZ ABU-NIGM
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Erik SINANDER

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Gilles CUNIBERTI



Statement of Motivation

Gilles will focus on the management of the EAPIL blog and participate in selected EAPIL working groups.

Curriculum Vitae

Gilles Cuniberti is Professor of Private International Law at the University of Luxembourg. He has been the President of the EAPIL since 2019 and has chaired three of its working groups (on digital assets, on trusts and on parallel proceedings). He has also been a regular contributor to the EAPIL blog, of which he is now the general editor.

Pedro DE MIGUEL ASENSIO



Statement of Motivation

Having been involved in the foundation of EAPIL and having witnessed the impressive progress the Association has made over the past years, I am highly motivated to continue my service on the Scientific Council for an additional term to support its mission.

Curriculum Vitae

Pedro de Miguel Asensio is a full Professor of Private International Law at the Complutense University of Madrid and Director of its postgraduate programme on IT Law. He is the sole author of several books and articles on these fields, including *Conflict of Laws and the Internet* (2nd ed, Edward Elgar, 2024) and *EU Digital Law* (Edward Elgar, 2026). He is also co-editor of *Encyclopedia of Private International Law* (4 vols., Edward Elgar, 2017 – 2nd ed. forthcoming) and co-author of *The CLIP Principles and Commentary* (OUP, 2013). Co-rapporteur of the Committee on Intellectual Property and Private International Law of the International Law Association. He is a member of the European Group of Private International Law (GEDIP). He is a founding member of EAPIL and currently serves on its Scientific Council. He regularly participates as legal expert for international organisations and European institutions.

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Morten M. FOGT



Statement of Motivation

After having taken active part in the establishment of the EAPIL and running the daily business as member of the EAPIL Board for two terms and being member of the Scientific Council and various EAPIL working groups, I now wish to devote my time available for research activities within the EAPIL. Continued membership of the EAPIL Scientific Council would allow me to continue being part of the Association's research activities and explore further research activities on behalf of EAPIL. Possible future activities could include research into U.S. American and Latin American developments.

Curriculum Vitae

Morten M. Fogt holds a higher doctor (dissertation) degreed in law (dr. jur.) within comparative law and private international law. After his law study 1986-1991 he worked as practising lawyer from 1991-1995, studied LL.M. in Kiel University 1996-1997 and passed the exam as German lawyer (Rechtsanwalt) 1998. From 1998-2001 he was a researcher at Kiel University and in 2002-2003 and taught at Vilnius, Riga and Tartu Universities until he became Professor, first lecturer (associated prof.) 2004-2007, then in 2007 Professor in Civil and International Law at Aarhus University. He has been teaching as Visiting Professor in Kiel, Tartu, Louvain-La-Neuve and been temporary Member of St. John's College, Oxford and affiliated to the Institute for European and Comparative Law, Oxford University. In 2010-2011 Morten M. Fogt by the Danish Ministry of Justice was appointed as the Chair of the negotiation on the Proposal for a Common European Sales Law (CESL). He was part of the Steering Committee on EAPIL and has been Vice-President and member of the EAPIL Board and Scientific Council since its foundation. In 2022 he hosted the EAPIL Founding Conference in Aarhus.

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Pietro FRANZINA



Statement of Motivation

In the space of just a few years, EAPIL has grown into the European home of scholars and professionals with an interest in private international law. The time now has come to consolidate and further expand the work of the Association. If re-elected as a member of the Scientific Council, my efforts will be directed at: increasing the number of EAPIL members involved in the Associations' activities (notably, its working groups); building ties with other associations dealing with private international law and neighbouring disciplines at the national and regional level; strengthening the ability of the Association to contribute to the work of national legislators, the EU, the Hague Conference on Private International Law and other international organisations.

Curriculum Vitae

I am a Professor of Private International Law at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan. My scientific interests are primarily in the field of contracts, divorce, the protection of adults, and the external competence of the EU. I've served as a delegate of Italy and of the EU at various meetings of the Hague Conference on Private International Law. I'm a member of GEDIP. I'm among the coordinators of the Lindemann Fellowship for Private International Law. I've been a member of the Board and a member of the Scientific Council of EAPIL since the Association was created in 2019 and have served as an editor of the EAPIL blog until February 2026.

Uglješa GRUŠIĆ



Statement of Motivation

I am standing for election to the EAPIL Scientific Council. My main contribution to the Association's academic activities currently lies in my role as editor of the EAPIL Blog, where I regularly report on developments in UK private international law and occasionally on developments in the private international laws of non-EU Balkan countries. I see this as an important service: it helps keep the European private international law community informed about relevant developments beyond the EU. I believe that this broader, non-EU European perspective should be more strongly represented within the Scientific Council. That is my main motivation for standing. With my academic background in both the UK and the Balkans, I am well placed to contribute meaningfully in this respect. If elected, I will work to ensure that the Association's academic activities reflect both EU and non-EU perspectives and I will actively support the greater involvement of scholars from non-EU European countries in EAPIL.

Curriculum Vitae

I am Professor of Private International Law at University College London. My expertise lies in the regulation of transnational employment contracts, tortious claims arising out of the external exercise of sovereign authority and civil claims against multinational enterprises for human rights and environmental abuses. I am the author of two monographs in the field of private international law (Torts in UK Foreign Relations, OUP 2023); The European Private International Law of Employment, CUP 2015), a co-author of a leading English private international law textbook (Cheshire, North & Fawcett: Private International Law. 15th edn, OUP 2017) and a co-editor of an edited collection on the comparative law of civil remedies for human rights abuses (Civil Remedies and Human Rights in Flux, Hart 2022). I currently serve as one of the main legal experts of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with Respect to Human Rights.

Jeremy HEYMANN



Statement of Motivation

Since its inception, EAPIL has been a remarkable association whose influence continues to grow. Having had the opportunity, to varying degrees, to participate in its various activities, I now wish to become more involved in the association in order to build on the work already accomplished and to continue promoting European Private International Law, both in Europe and beyond, by building even more bridges among its Members, further engaging young researchers, and tirelessly advocating for EAPIL to consolidate its status as an indispensable partner for institutions and public authorities.

Curriculum Vitae

Jeremy Heymann has been a Professor of Law at Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University since 2019. He holds a Ph.D in Private International Law (summa cum laude and awarded several prizes) from Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, where he also served as an Associate Professor (2010-2015). He was a Professor at Lumière Lyon 2 University from 2015 to 2019. Jeremy specializes in Private International Law, International Trade Law, and Comparative Law. He's the Head of the Center for Research in Private International Law (Centre de recherche en Droit international Privé – CREDIP-EDIEC) at his university since 2022. For several years, he has also been developing expertise in transportation law (particularly aviation law), as well as in Law & Literature, actively participating in the development of the Law & Comics movement. Author of numerous articles and case law notes, he has also edited several books, including a Commentary on the Regulation on the Protection of Air Passengers (2021), and co-edited a book on The Movement of Companies under European Union Law (2024), both published by Bruylant. He is currently editing, with the same publisher, a Commentary on the "Rome I" Regulation, which will bring together authors from several Member States. An Introduction to Comparative Law is also forthcoming.

Costanza HONORATI



Statement of Motivation

As a member of EAPIL since its outset, I have seen the association rapidly grow and develop into an influential and inspiring body. As I was involved by the running Board to represent EAPIL at the HCCH in numerous occasions, I realized how important it was to give voice to the common European legal grounds and values. I wish to contribute actively to this aim. If elected, I plan to concentrate on building a closer cooperation with European and international legislative bodies to promote the drafting and revision of texts in our field. I also aim to further develop the publishing of reports and studies, as well as of the EAPIL's Journal and blog. This could possibly be reinforced also by answering to specific calls for EU-funded grants in EAPIL's own capacity.

Curriculum Vitae

Costanza Honorati is a full Professor of EU Law at the Milano-Bicocca University, where she also holds the chair in Private International Law and, in the past, for Legal Procedure of the EU Court of Justice; formerly, she was a Professor for International Law. She has a strong expertise in the field of Private International Law, in the last years focusing especially on International Family Law. She was a member of the EC Expert Group on the Recast of Brussels IIa Regulation (2015) and participated to the EU Council's Working Group for the Regulation's final draft (2017-2019). She was then appointed Chair of the EJM Working Group on a Guide on Maintenance Obligations (2021-2023). She has published extensively in several fields of Private International Law and has managed several national and EU funded projects.

Thomas KADNER GRAZIANO



Statement of Motivation

I stand for the election for EAPIL's Scientific Council because of my deep interest in EAPIL's activities, including e.g. the Working Group on a European Private International Law Act (which I am chairing), EAPIL's Como Winter School (for which I have been acting for three years in a row), and the upcoming EAPIL journal.

Curriculum Vitae

Thomas Kadner Graziano studied law at the Universities of Frankfurt and Geneva. He holds a doctoral degree from Goethe-University Frankfurt, an LL.M degree from Harvard Law School, and a professorial degree from Humboldt-University Berlin. He is Professor at the University of Geneva (since 2001), acts as Director of the Programme on Transnational Law and Director of the Department of Private International Law. He was faculty member of the DUKE-Geneva Institute in Transnational Law and has held Visiting Professorships at the Universities of Potsdam, Poitiers, Florida, Exeter, Kaunas, Vilnius, Lausanne, Renmin University of China, Notre Dame (USA), and Basel. From 2015-24 he acted as European and Comparative Contract Law Professor at KU Leuven. He was member of the Swiss delegation at the Hague Conference on Private International Law and member of the Working Group and Drafting Committee on Choice of Law in International Contracts at the Hague Conference. He is member of the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (Vienna), Associate Member of the AIDC, acts regularly for the European Judicial Training Network, and is one of the founders of EAPIL. He has worked as expert for EU institutions, foreign governments, and in international proceedings, e.g., before the UN Security Council's Compensation Commission, the London High Court, US Federal Courts and in international proceedings in Central Europe and the Middle East. His main fields of research include comparative contract and tort law, Swiss, European, and comparative Private International Law, and international litigation. He publishes in English, French and German.

Vesna LAZIĆ



Statement of Motivation

Dear colleagues, herewith I would like to re-apply for membership of the Scientific Council of EAPIL. In the past years with much pleasure, I participated in several projects and initiatives of the Council, gained great experience and hopefully provided a useful contribution, in particular: participation in establishing the Journal, setting up the upcoming Geneva Conference Program and co-authoring of the Position Paper on the Draft Hague Convention on Parallel Proceedings. I would very much like to contribute to the work of the Scientific Council in the coming years. Kind regards, Vesna Lazić

Curriculum Vitae

Vesna Lazić is an Associate Professor at the Utrecht University and a senior researcher at the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague. Private international law, especially international civil procedure, international commercial arbitration and dispute settlement, are the fields of her particular interest and expertise. She teaches, publishes and coordinates various research projects in the field of private international law. With late Peter Mankowski, she is a co-author of Brussels I-bis Regulation – Interpretation and Implementation, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2023. Amongst her publications are the book Insolvency Proceedings and Commercial Arbitration, The Hague-London-Boston, International Arbitration Law Library, Kluwer Law International 1998, a number of edited books and studies, as well as numerous articles on variety of topics in private international law, especially on the Brussels Ia Regulation and other issues pertaining to international civil procedure and international commercial arbitration.

Tobias LUTZI



Statement of Motivation

It has been a great privilege to serve on the inaugural Scientific Committee. During my tenure, I have focused on (a) growing the Young Research Network into a thriving and integral part of the EAPIL; (b) serving on the Advisory Board of the EAPIL Winter School, which successfully completed its third iteration this February; (c) spearheading the EAPIL's initiative to create its own academic journal. I would love to continue these efforts during a renewed tenure, with a particular focus on the EAPIL Journal, for which we have just recently submitted an application for funding.

Curriculum Vitae

Tobias Lutzi is a Junior Professor of Private Law at the University of Augsburg. He is the General Editor of ConflictofLaws.net and a member of the EU Commission's Expert Subgroup on the Brussels Ia Regulation. Between 2021 and 2025, he also co-chaired the EAPIL Young Research Network.

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Johan MEEUSEN



Statement of Motivation

Having been involved since many years in research and teaching on EU private international law, with a particular focus on the interaction between institutional and substantive EU law on the one hand and conflict of laws on the other hand, I am convinced that EAPIL fulfils a very important role in that field. Bringing so many scholars, practitioners and students of EU private international law together in a European association stimulates exchange, debate and the development of further, shared knowledge. Through a renewal of my membership in its Scientific Council, I hope to be able to further contribute to EAPIL's objectives.

Curriculum Vitae

Johan Meeusen (LL.M. University of California at Berkeley, 1993; Ph.D. University of Antwerp, 1997) is a full Professor of EU Law at the University of Antwerp (Belgium). He is a member of the European Group for Private International Law (GEDIP), a co-founder of the European Association of Private International Law (EAPIL) and a member of its Scientific Council, as well as an associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law. He is a former holder of an *ad personam* Jean Monnet Chair, served many years as Vice-Rector and Dean at the University of Antwerp and held invited professorships at several universities worldwide. He has published numerous articles and books on issues of EU Law and (EU) private international law. More information on his profile can be found [here](#).

Ralf MICHAELS



Statement of Motivation

EAPIL is an important central institution for our discipline, and I am happy to continue my service on the Scientific Council. I want to continue contributing my own expertise in private international law beyond Europe and in its theoretical foundations. And I am happy to continue the connection with the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg.

Curriculum Vitae

Ralf Michaels is Director at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany, Chair in Global Law at Queen Mary University in London, and Professor of Law at Hamburg University. Until 2019 he was the Arthur Larson Professor at Duke University School of Law; he has also been a Visiting Professor at the Universities of Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Toronto, and Tel Aviv, as well as the London School of Economics and New York University. Michaels holds an LL.M. from Cambridge University and a Ph.D. in Law from Passau University. He is a widely published scholar of private international law, comparative law, and legal theory; his current research focuses on decolonial comparative law, regulatory conflicts, and theoretical foundations of private international law and global legal plurality. Michaels is a member of the Academia Europaea, the American Law Institute, the International Association of Comparative Law, and the Comparative Law Associations of the United States, Germany, and France, among others.

Dário MOURA VICENTE



Statement of Motivation

I joined the EAPIL steering committee in 2018 and have been actively involved since its incorporation in 2019. I have served on the Scientific Council and as Chair of the General Assembly. I also participate in the Working Group on a European Private International Law Act, coordinating the subgroup drafting the General Part. With the EAPIL approaching the submission of a proposed European Private International Law Act, in which I have played an active role, and as the association continues to grow, I believe I can contribute meaningfully to shaping its evolving academic agenda.

Curriculum Vitae

Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, since 1989, teaching Private International Law, Comparative Law, and Intellectual Property Law. Lectured at The Hague Academy of International Law, Paris V, Urbino, and Complutense Madrid Universities, as well as at several universities in other Portuguese-speaking countries. Adjunct Professor, University of Macau. President, Private Law Institute of the University of Lisbon. Member, Lisbon Academy of Sciences; honorary member, Brazilian Lawyers' Institute. Full list of publications available at <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-0526-1886>.

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Verónica RUIZ ABU-NIGM



Statement of Motivation

I would be honoured to continue to serve as a member of the Scientific Council of EAPIL. My work engages with the discipline’s transformative potential in addressing complex global challenges. I am particularly committed to nurturing inclusive, interdisciplinary, and globally attentive scholarship within EAPIL. Through collaborative engagement, I aim to continue to support the Association’s role as a leading forum for private international law. In the past four years I have contributed to its intellectual community, particularly with participation as teacher in the Winter School, speaker at the bi-annual conferences, and author in EAPIL scholarly publications.

Curriculum Vitae

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Giesela RÜHL



Statement of Motivation

I am one of the co-founders of the Association and have served on its Board of Administration and Scientific Council since its establishment in 2019. As Secretary General I had the privilege of contributing closely to the development and growth of the Association and I have remained committed to strengthening academic exchange, fostering collaboration across jurisdictions, and advancing the study and practice of private international law in European and beyond. I would be honoured to continue supporting the Association by serving on the Board of Administration (as Secretary General) and the Scientific Council. With my institutional experience, longstanding engagement, and dedication to the Association’s mission, I would like to further contribute to its strategic development and scientific excellence in the years ahead.

Curriculum Vitae

I am a Professor of Private International Law and Comparative Law at Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany). I have been fortunate to study law in different countries and to do research in various jurisdictions, including Germany, England (Cambridge, LSE, Oxford), Italy (EUI), the US (Columbia, Harvard, Stanford), Japan and Australia. I have published widely on topics of private international law, international civil procedure and comparative law. In addition, I am a co-editor of the 4-volume Encyclopedia of Private International Law (Edward Elgar, 2017) and further books including the conference volume of the second EAPIL conference in Wroclaw (Poland). In the summer of 2026, I will teach a special course on “Protection of Human Rights in Global Supply Chains” at the Hague Academy of International Law. For more details (relating to publications, presentations, positions, functions and awards) see: <https://www.rewi.hu-berlin.de/en/lf/lr/rhl/gr>.

Erik SINANDER



Statement of Motivation

I am very pleased with the development of the European Association of Private International Law and proud to be a member of the Association and to contribute to the EAPIL Blog. I would welcome the opportunity to become more actively involved in the Association's work and to support its continued development as a leading forum for private international law in Europe. In particular, I would be happy to contribute to the establishment of the planned law journal and to further develop the blog as a news channel and as a platform for both established and younger scholars in the field.

Curriculum Vitae

Erik Sinander is an Associate Professor of Private International Law at Stockholm University. He obtained his Ph.D. in Law from the same university in 2017 and was appointed Associate Professor there in 2023. His research focuses broadly on private international law. Over the last years, he has published articles in English on private international law aspects of transport law, surrogacy, arbitration, and labour law. Since 2022, he has been one of the editors of the European Association of Private International Law Blog, where he regularly contributes posts on, inter alia, legal developments in the Nordic countries. He also actively takes part in private international law activities. For example, he was one of the lecturers at this year's EAPIL Winter School and participated as a judge in the PAX Moot. In addition, he regularly attends and presents at international conferences. Outside private international law, he conducts research in substantive labour law in both Swedish and English.